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| <b>NOTICE REQUIRING EXCESS CLAIMS FEES</b> | <b>Application No.</b><br>10/687,052 | <b>Applicant(s)</b><br>MULFORD ET AL. |  |
|  |                                      | <b>Art Unit</b><br>2800               |  |

The excess claim(s) filed on 07 November, 2007 is not accompanied by the appropriate payment of excess claims fees set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(h)-(j) or 1.492(d)-(f). Excess claims fees are required for each claim in independent form in excess of three (§ 1.16(h)), each claim (whether dependent or independent) in excess of twenty (note that § 1.75(c) indicates how multiple dependent claims are considered for fee calculation purposes) (§ 1.16(i)), and each application that contains a multiple dependent claim (§ 1.16(j)).

Since the application is not under a final rejection, applicant is given a time period of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, to submit either: (1) the fee payment of \$ 105.00, or (2) an amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 that cancels the excess claim(s), in order to avoid **ABANDONMENT**. Extensions of this time period may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136, unless the excess claim(s) was presented in a preliminary amendment.

- ☐ 1. The funds in Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ are insufficient to cover the entire fee due. The balance is due within the time period set forth in this notice. See note below regarding the appropriate service charge.
- ☐ 2. The Credit Card payment to cover the entire fee due to Account \_\_\_\_\_ (**Card type + last 4 digits ONLY**) was refused. The balance is due within the time period set forth in this notice. See note below regarding the appropriate service charge.
- ☐ 3. The amendment that includes the excess claim(s) has not been entered, since applicant has failed to remit (or authorize charge to a Deposit Account or Credit Card) the fee as indicated on the attached Patent Application Fee Determination Record (PTO/SB/06). Remittance or authorization is due within the time period set forth in this notice.
- ☐ 4. The fee submitted in this application is insufficient. A balance of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is due for presentation of excess claims (37 CFR 1.16(h)-(j) or 1.492(d)-(f)).
- ☒ 5. Other.

*Explanation (Provide specific details of the required correction in order to assist the applicant. Indicate whether a service charge has been added to the fee due):* Owe for 1 extra claim over 3.

THE AMOUNT OF THE FEE(S) DUE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE, GENERALLY ON OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR (37 CFR 1.16, 1.21 & 1.492). **THE AMOUNT OF THE FEE(S) DUE IS DETERMINED AS OF THE DATE A COMPLETE REPLY WITH THE APPROPRIATE FEE(S) IS RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE (37 CFR 1.8 & 1.10).** BECAUSE THE AMOUNT DUE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT APPLICANT CHECK THE CURRENT FEE SCHEDULE WHICH IS AVAILABLE ON THE USPTO'S WEBSITE AT: <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/qs/ope/fees.htm>

**Service Charges:** There is a \$50 service charge for processing each payment refused (including a check returned "unpaid") or charged back by a financial institution (37 CFR 1.21(m)). There is a \$25.00 service charge for each month when the balance of a deposit account is below \$1000 at the end of the month (37 CFR 1.21(b)(2)).

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**Note to TSS: Please do NOT use this notice if the application is under a final rejection.**

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| <b>PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD</b><br>Substitute for Form PTO-875   |   |                                  |       |                                    | Application or Docket Number<br><b>10/687,052</b> |              | Filing Date<br><b>10/17/2003</b> |    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To be Mailed |              |                     |
|---|---|----------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|---|--------------|----------------------------------|----|--|--------------|---------------------|
| <b>APPLICATION AS FILED – PART I</b>  |   |                                  |       |                                    | <b>OTHER THAN</b>                                 |              |                                  |    |  |              |                     |
| (Column 1)  |   | (Column 2)                       |       |                                    | SMALL ENTITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  |              | OR                               |    | SMALL ENTITY                                     |              |                     |
| FOR   | NUMBER FILED  | NUMBER EXTRA                     |       |                                    | RATE (\$)   | FEE (\$)     |                                  |    | RATE (\$)  | FEE (\$)     |                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BASIC FEE<br>(37 CFR 1.16(a), (b), or (c))   | N/A   | N/A                              |       |                                    | N/A   |              |                                  |    | N/A  |              |                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SEARCH FEE<br>(37 CFR 1.16(k), (l), or (m))  | N/A   | N/A                              |       |                                    | N/A   |              |                                  |    | N/A  |              |                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXAMINATION FEE<br>(37 CFR 1.16(o), (p), or (q))   | N/A   | N/A                              |       |                                    | N/A   |              |                                  |    | N/A  |              |                     |
| TOTAL CLAIMS<br>(37 CFR 1.16(i))  | minus 20 =  |                                  | *     |                                    | X \$ =  |              | OR                               |    | X \$ =   |              |                     |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS<br>(37 CFR 1.16(h))  | minus 3 =   |                                  | *     |                                    | X \$ =  |              |                                  |    | X \$ =   |              |                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> APPLICATION SIZE FEE<br>(37 CFR 1.16(s))   | If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s). |                                  |       |                                    |   |              |                                  |    |  |              |                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(j))  |   |                                  |       |                                    |   |              |                                  |    |  |              |                     |
| * If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2.   |   |                                  |       |                                    | TOTAL   |              |                                  |    | TOTAL  |              |                     |
| <b>APPLICATION AS AMENDED – PART II</b>   |   |                                  |       |                                    | <b>OTHER THAN</b>                                 |              |                                  |    |  |              |                     |
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| <b>AMENDMENT</b>  | <b>11/07/2007</b>   | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT |       | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA                                     | RATE (\$)    | ADDITIONAL FEE (\$)              |    |  | RATE (\$)    | ADDITIONAL FEE (\$) |
|   | Total (37 CFR 1.16(i))  | * 18                             | Minus | ** 20                              | = 0   | X \$25 =     | 0                                | OR |  | X \$ =       |                     |
|   | Independent (37 CFR 1.16(h))  | * 4                              | Minus | *** 3                              | = 1   | X \$105 =    | 105                              | OR |  | X \$ =       |                     |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Application Size Fee (37 CFR 1.16(s))  |                                  |       |                                    |   |              |                                  |    |  |              |                     |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(j))  |                                  |       |                                    |   |              |                                  |    |  |              |                     |
|   |   |                                  |       |                                    | TOTAL ADD'L FEE                                   | 105          | OR                               |    | TOTAL ADD'L FEE                                  |              |                     |
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|   | Total (37 CFR 1.16(i))  | *                                | Minus | **                                 | =   | X \$ =       |                                  | OR |  | X \$ =       |                     |
|   | Independent (37 CFR 1.16(h))  | *                                | Minus | ***                                | =   | X \$ =       |                                  | OR |  | X \$ =       |                     |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Application Size Fee (37 CFR 1.16(s))  |                                  |       |                                    |   |              |                                  |    |  |              |                     |
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| * If the entry in column 1 is less than the entry in column 2, write "0" in column 3.   |   |                                  |       |                                    | Legal Instrument Examiner:<br>/Linda W. Badie/    |              |                                  |    |  |              |                     |
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